

tion was then put and carried. Rule suspended, read 3rd time and passed.

A bill to amend the Act prescribing the mode of establishing the liabilities of drawers and endorsers of bills of exchange and promissory notes, approved March 20, 1848. Read 2nd time and referred to Judiciary Committee.

A bill to prevent judgment liens from becoming dormant. Read 2nd time. Substitute of committee adopted and made special order for Monday next at 12 o'clock M.

A message was received from House informing the Senate that the House had passed a bill appropriating money for transporting clothing to the volunteers, which was taken up. Read 1st time. Rule suspended, read 2nd time. Mr. Beasley offered the following amendment, "that the agent be required to take an oath and give bond in double the amount of the sum advanced to him." Laid on the table.

Mr. Crawford of Jasper offered the following amendment: "provided that the 1/10th of the annual revenue set aside by the Constitution for the benefit of public schools shall not be considered as appropriated by this Act." Laid on table. The bill was then read 3rd time and passed.

A bill to provide arms and ammunition for military defence of the State referred to Committee on Finance.

A bill to provide a hospital fund. Referred to Finance Committee.

A bill for relief of Philander Priestley. Referred to Committee on Private Land Claims.

A bill to amend 2nd and 3rd sections of an Act authorizing a loan and imposing specific tax, &c., &c. Referred to Committee on Finance.

A bill to amend section 3 of an Act relative to the organization of the lunatic asylum. Referred to Committee on State Affairs.

A bill to protect public buildings. Referred to Committee on State Affairs.

Senate then adjourned until 10 o'clock A. M. Monday.

Monday, January 6, 1862.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by the Chaplain, roll called, quorum present. Journal of yesterday read and adopted.

A message from House informed the Senate that the House had passed the following Senate bills:

Joint resolution to authorize and require the Adjutant General to collect the necessary information to make a

register of state troops and to have printed 500 copies of same with an amendment.

Joint resolution concerning Colonel John S. Ford and his late command on the Rio Grande.

A bill for relief of Lipscomb Norvell.

A bill for relief of John Thomas, assignee of D. Murphy.

The Committee on Public Lands recommended the passage of a bill to provide for the sale and settlement of the vacant alternate sections of land in Fisher's and Miller's Colony.

Messrs. Darden, Branch, and Shepard were appointed a committee of conference on the disagreement between the two Houses on a bill creating a hospital fund.

The Committee on Finance reported the general revenue bill from the House with the following amendments:

At end of section 1 add as follows: "which shall include the specific taxes provided by special laws for payment of interest and principal of loans so that one of the specific taxes shall be collected for the year 1862 and annually for subsequent years and other specie tax shall be collected for the year 1863 and annually for subsequent years, if the Governor should previously issue and place in market the bonds for the second loan, and so that the specific taxes to be collected each year shall be deducted from the general tax thereof."

In section 3 after the word "kept" strike out the word "on."

After "dollars" strike out to "on."

After "dollars" in 29th line strike out to "dollars" in 34th line.

After "dollars" in 39th line strike out to "on" in 41st line.

The Judiciary Committee recommended the passage of the following bills:

A bill for relief of George W. Morris.

A bill to amend several sections of an Act to prescribe the mode of adoption, passed January 6, 1860, and recommended the indefinite postponement of a bill suspending the collection of money on forfeited recognizances and bail bonds.

The Committee on Private Land Claims recommended the passage of a bill for relief of Archibald Hotchkiss.

Mr. Guinn introduced a bill to amend Article 420, Oldham & White's Digest. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Jordan introduced a bill for relief of Texas and

New Orleans Railroad Company. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Judiciary Committee.

A bill making an appropriation to pay the mileage and **per diem** of members of 9th Legislature upon the veto of the Governor. The message was read.

The bill was then read, and the Senate refused to pass the bill over the veto by the following vote, Mr. Darden having been excused from voting:

YEAS—Messrs. Batte, Beasley, Burnett, Casey, Cook, Crawford of Jasper, Durant, Finlay, Graham, Jordan, Lea, Mitchell, Moore, Parsons, Scarborough, and Selman—16.

NAYS—Messrs. Boyd, Branch, Erath, Guinn, Harcourt, Houston, Obenchain, Reed, Shepard, and Wheeler—10.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported the following correctly engrossed:

A bill to suspend the Statute of Limitations, &c.

A bill to authorize county courts to make entry of unconditional headrights, &c.

A bill to incorporate the Aransas Salt Works Company.

A message from House informed the Senate of the passage of the following bills:

A bill for relief of Charles H. Sims. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Committee on Private Land Claims.

A bill for relief of Robert H. Jackson. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Committee on Private Land Claims.

A bill for relief of James L. Foster. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Committee on Private Land Claims.

Also, that the House has appointed Messrs. Abney, Russell, Willis, Reid, and Dansby a committee to act with like committee of Senate to inquire if anything was undone that ought to be done by the Legislature towards putting the State on a war footing; further, that a committee of five had been appointed to act with like Senate committee to inquire into the matters stated as facts in the veto message of the Governor.

Mr. Guinn thereupon moved to reconsider the vote, refusing to pass the bill over the veto, and the Senate adjourned until 3 o'clock P. M.

3 o'clock P. M.

Senate met, roll called, quorum present. The yeas and nays were called on Mr. Guinn's motion to reconsider and were announced as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Batte, Beasley, Boyd, Burnett, Casey,

Cook, Crawford of Fannin, Crawford of Jasper, Erath, Finlay, Graham, Guinn, Harcourt, Houston, Jordan, Lea, Mitchell, Obenchain, Parsons, Reed, Scarborough, and Shelley—22.

NAYS—Messrs. Durant, Moore, Shepard, Weatherford, and Wheeler—5.

The previous question was then called for and ordered when the Senate refused to pass the bill over the veto by the following vote:

YEAS—Messrs. Batte, Beasley, Burnett, Casey, Cook, Crawford of Jasper, Burnett, Finlay, Graham, Jordan, Lea, Mitchell, Moore, Parsons, Scarborough, Selman, and Weatherford—17.

NAYS — Messrs. Boyd, Crawford of Fannin, Erath, Guinn, Harcourt, Houston, Obenchain, Reed, Shelley, Shepard, and Wheeler—11.

A bill for relief of Thomas F. Smith. Passed to 3rd reading. Rule suspended, read 3rd time and passed.

A bill to authorize the withdrawal from the Land Office of deeds issued on paper of the second seal. Passed to 3rd reading. Rule suspended, read 3rd time and passed.

A bill to change the time of holding the courts in 9th Judicial District. Read 2nd time.

Mr. Burnett moved to lay the bill on table. Carried by the following vote:

YEAS—Messrs. Batte, Boyd, Branch, Burnett, Casey, Cook, Crawford, Darden, Durant, Erath, Graham, Jordan, Lea, Moore, Reed, and Wheeler—16.

NAYS — Messrs. Beasley, Harcourt, Houston, Scarborough, Selman, and Weatherford—6.

A bill to extend the time for returning preemption field notes and to pay the dues thereon. Read 2nd time, amendment of committee adopted, and bill ordered to 3rd reading. Rule suspended, read 3rd time and passed.

The Committee on Enrolled Bills reported the following correctly enrolled, properly signed, and presented to the Governor, viz.:

A bill for relief of John Thomas, assignee of D. Murphy.

A bill concerning Colonel John S. Ford and his late command on the Rio Grande.

A bill regulating the fees for swimming cattle at ferries. Read 2nd time and passed to 3rd reading. Rule suspended, read 3rd time and passed.

A bill to legalize the acts of Alexander Birdsong, notary public of Panola County. Passed to 3rd reading. Rule suspended, read 3rd time and passed.

A bill to provide for the sale and settlement of vacant

alternate sections of land in Fisher's and Miller's Colony. Passed to 3rd reading, rule suspended, read 3rd time and passed.

The Senate then adjourned until 10 o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

Tuesday, January 7, 1862.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by the Chaplain, roll called, quorum present. Journal of yesterday read and adopted.

The Committee on Private Land Claims recommended the passage of a bill for the relief of R. H. Jackson.

Messrs. Burnett and Guinn made the following minority report:

The Committee on Retrenchment and Reform, having had under consideration the government of the lunatic asylum, have determined to make no alteration or reduction of the officers and their salary. The undersigned minority dissent from the majority of the committee and beg leave to make the following report:

We are of the opinion that the salary of the superintendent remain unchanged and that the board of managers be required to deduct from his salary a reasonable board for each and every one of his family and so with every officer of the asylum. There is an invidious distinction between officers who have large families and those who have small, and believe this distinction should not exist. We think the salaries are fully sufficient to admit of a reduction for board. The salaries of the other officers of the Government are not any more nor are their families supported at the expense of the State. We also disagree with a majority of the committee relative to the raising of the salary of the Governor's private secretary, being fully convinced that these are no times to raise the salaries of officers.

The Judiciary Committee recommended the passage of a bill to amend the Act prescribing the mode of establishing liabilities of drawers and endorsers of bills of exchange and promissory notes, &c.

A message from House informed the Senate of the  
And the following House bills:

Bill for relief of A. H. Cook.

Bill supplemental to an Act incorporating the Southern Pacific Railroad Company, &c., &c.

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